Literacy Instruction for All: Strategies for Secondary Multilingual Students

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- 1. Grade-Level Assignment
- 2. Scaffolded Assignment: Example 1
- 3. Scaffolded Assignment: Example 2

Scaffolding Process Resource

How do I go from the grade-level assignment to the scaffolded assignments for my ELs?

- 1. What do I want my grade-level student walking away knowing from this question?
- 2. Is there a step (background, clarification) a student may need to access the grade-level question?
- 3. How can I simplify the language?
 - a. Are there cognates I could use?
 - b. Are there tier 1 vocabulary words (words seen frequently, in many contexts) I could use?
 - c. Are there vocabulary words that have already been used in this text/unit that I could use?
- 4. What formatting will best assist my EL student in getting to the answer?

What are some scaffolding techniques I can use?

LEVEL 1/2 EL STUDENT	LEVEL 3/4 EL STUDENT
• Footnotes	• Footnotes
Simplified language	Simplified language
 Direct paragraph/page numbers 	Direct paragraph/page numbers
 Provide a sentence of context/background before 	Sentence stems
asking the question	 Specific guidelines (set number of answers,
Multiple choice	evidence instead of paraphrase)
• Images	
	Aim to get students to find the correct answer with
Aim to get students to decipher the correct answer, rather	assistance (use the level 1/2 scaffold for guidance)
than find/create it alone.	

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